

perusall & Satisfaction of all such Mast^s hereby Strictly Lib. H. D.
Enjoyning the Severall Sherriffs of the province to make
Proclamation hereof in the most publick & Convenient places
wthin their Respective Counties. Willing & Requiring all
persons herein any ways concerned to yeild due and ready
Obedience hereunto as they and every of them will answer
the Contrary at their perill.

Given at the Port of Annapolis under the Great Seal of the
Province this 20th day of August in the 7th year of his Ma^{ts}
Reign &^{ca} Annoq Dom: 1695

God Save the King: Fr. Nicholson

his Ex^{ncys}
Significacōn
of his power
in Erecting
ports & upon
advice given
him of the
Imparacōn
of the trade
of this pro-
vince by the
pensilvani-
ans & the
Defrauding
his mats
Duties for
Importing
Liquors as
likewise the
inticeing
away the In-
habitants
out of this
province &^{ca}
Order there-
on &^{ca}

His Ex^{ncy} being pleased to Signify that (by his
Comission) he finds he has power to erect ports;
and upon Advice Recd that the Trade of this Pro-
vince of Maryland is much impared & damnified by
several Sloopes Shallops & Boates belonging to
Pensilvania w^{ch} keep runing & trading up and down
wthin the severall Rivers and harbours thereof, taking
in their loading over land at the head of the Bay &
Carting indifferent large Sloopes Shallops & Boates
from thence into this province wthout making any
Report or Entry And Forasmuch as it is likewise
set forth that his Ma^{ts} duty for importation of
Liquo^{rs} from those parts hath been much defrauded
by concealing and hiding severall quantities of
Liquo^{rs} wthin Caske pretended to be filled wth bisket
& flour, And that they make it their dayly practice
to intice tradesmen, Seamen & other persons out
of this province, Under Specious pretences & fair
promises; Ordered thereupon that Proclamation issue to pre-
vent for the future all such illegall & irregular Methods and
Ways.

August the 17th 1695:

Produced a Proclamation drawn up accordingly the w^{ch}
being read was Signed by his Ex^{ncy} & passed the Bread Seale
of the Province the Tenor whereof follows in these Words
Viz^t

By his Ex^{ncy} the Cap^t Gen^{ll} &^{ca}

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Whereas their Ma^{ts} did by their Royall Comission unto me
Francis Nicholson Esq^r Cap^t Gen^{ll} & Govern^r in
Chief of this his Ma^{ts} Province of Maryland bearing
date the tenth day of ffeb^{ry} 1693/4: Give & grant
full power and Authority for the Erecting of ports
&^{ca} within the same; And Forasmuch as (by severall
Proclama-
tion Relat-
ing to the
Trade of
Pensilvania
&^{ca}